

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL NURSES MONTH
MAY 2023**

WHEREAS, registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, including the frontline of the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care, and better utilization of all our nation's registered nursing resources, and

WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the North Carolina Nurses Association has declared May as Nurses Month, with the theme "You Make a Difference," with appreciation for nurses' unparalleled impact during the pandemic, and their contributions to health care, and an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City asks that all residents of Elizabeth City join in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us and join in recognizing May 2023 as National Nurses Month.

PROCLAIMED this the 22nd day of May, 2023

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk